

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application and entry of this Amendment are solicited. Claims 23 and 29-34 will be present in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, claim 34 has been allowed. This claim is now rewritten in independent format.

The Official Action cites and applies newly cited reference 5,958,990 to Grimminger which is combined with Heinemann U.S. 6,306,920 to reject claims 23 and 29-33.

Applicants note that trimethylpropylenediamine is disclosed in the newly cited Grimminger reference. The amendment made to claim 23 deletes this material as one of the potential amine catalysts to be used in the claimed process. It is believed that this amendment will resolve the rejection stated at pages 2-3 of the Official Action.

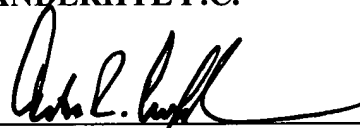
The examiner is requested to enter this Amendment and then consider further species of those defined in claim 23 and in due course allow claim 23 as above amended.

Should the examiner require further information, please contact the undersigned by telephone. Reconsideration, entry and allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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